

How to get involved in the HSCB!

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Where do you want to make a difference?

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- Foster care, Adoption, Kinship Services
- Substance Abuse
- Homelessness
- Healthy Youth
- Suicide Prevention
- Hunger
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Older Adults
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- Community Data

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What's New in Livingston?

Brainstorming Regarding LGBTQ+ Community Members

On October 16th, 48 people from all walks of life met to discuss the needs and supports for the LGBTQ+ members of our community. The group brainstormed around 6 concepts:

- What are the current challenges these community members face?
- Does your organization address the needs of this population?
- What are the resources you are aware of that are available in and out of county to support these needs?
- What do our local professionals need in terms of education and training to better support this community?
- What community roles/groups/providers

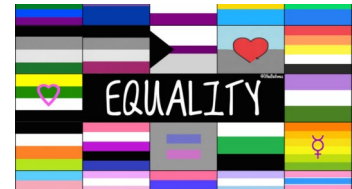
would benefit from a county training on this subject?

- Are there barriers you may face as a provider in serving these community members?

The discussion was rich in ideas and honesty about where we, as a community, are successful and where we are lacking. Many ideas for connecting, resourcing and supporting the needs of this community were shared and explored.

A sub-committee was formed to follow-up with the ideas and recommendations over the next year. 29 people signed up to be on the sub-committee!

To learn more, please contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org



Collaboration Works

Champions Meeting Tackling Hunger in Schools

On October 2nd, the Livingston County Hunger Council hosted a community conversation about school aged children being hungry and the affects of that hunger on learning. 60 people attended with many being local educators and others who came hoping for solutions. It is always surprising to learn the number of children that are hungry every day in our Livingston County schools.

For example:

- Livingston County has 4,660 food insecure children.
- The school districts have anywhere from 14% to 36% of their students on Free and Reduced (FR) lunch.

- Some of the individual buildings have rates as high as 51% of their students on FR lunch.

The event resulted with 23 people agreeing to be on a School Food Security sub-committee to look for long-term solutions and coordinate the existing resources.

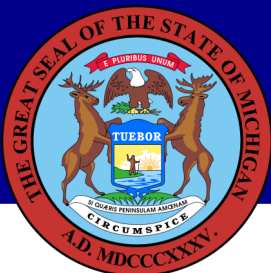
To learn more, you can visit the Hunger Council website at livingstonhunger.com. Or if you would like more information about the School Food Security sub-committee, please contact Bridget Brown at bbrown@gcfb.org.



Fun Michigan Facts

According to 50states.com, Michigan has a lot of firsts!

- The Detroit Zoo was the first zoo in America to feature cageless, open-exhibits that allowed the animals more freedom to roam.
- Michigan was the first state to guarantee every child the right to tax-paid high school education.
- Michigan was the first state to provide in its Constitution for the establishment of public libraries.
- In 1879 Detroit telephone customers were first in the nation to be assigned phone numbers to facilitate handling calls.
- In 1929, the Michigan State Police established the first state police radio system in the world.
- In 1817 the University of Michigan was the first university established by any of the states.
- Michigan is the only place in the world with a floating post office.



Collaboration Works!

Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Coalition

Livingston Co. Catholic Charities (LCCC) staff were seeing an increasing number of seniors who were falling victim to abuse. This was a gap in the service area in Livingston County. When special funding became available, through AAA1b, it enabled LCCC to establish a coalition and project that will strive to educate the seniors, family members, caregivers and businesses and organizations working with the senior population. This coalition has been active in the community for over 1.5 years now.

Suzi Snyder and Penny Jones of LCCC successfully formed a coalition and together with coalition members have created presentations and trainings to raise public awareness and provide education.

The coalition includes the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office, Community Mental Health Senior Reach, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan – PREVNT Elder

Justice Initiative, Diocese of Lansing, a local financial advisor, Lake Shore Legal Aid – Local Ombudsman, Michigan Adult Protective Services, and Legal Services of South Central Michigan. To date LCCC and coalition members have provided 21 presentations in the community with 80% of participants reporting increased understanding of and ability to recognize elder abuse and reporting procedures.

In April 2018, the Coalition hosted their first seminar – "Livingston County Community Action Against Elder Abuse". It was well attended by over 62 individuals of various backgrounds. Presenters were from the following institutions: Prosecutors Office, Legal Services of S. Central Michigan, Local Ombudsman, Community Mental Health, a Financial Advisor, Dept. of Health and Human Services and LCCC. LCCC and coalition members plan to host additional seminars and will share the dates as they are confirmed.

If you're interested in learning more, would like a presentation for your group or organization, or would like to become a volunteer, please contact Suzy or Penny at 517-545-5944.



Transportation Priorities

What are your transit priorities?

Please take a few minutes to rate and prioritize potential transit improvements in Livingston County by taking the **NEW Transit Priorities survey** - www.surveymonkey.com/r/livcotransitpriorities.

Your answers will help guide the preferred transit system improvements for the Livingston County Transit Master Plan.

The goal of the Transit Master Plan for Livingston County is to analyze the existing system and work with project stakeholders and the public to determine

what transit system enhancements could be made to improve the quality of life in Livingston County. The Transit Master Plan will explore the need for more public transportation within the County, including connections to adjacent counties, and ways to improve walkability and bikeability to support the transit system.

Visit [the transit master plan project website](http://www.livgov.com/lets/Pages/plan.aspx) - www.livgov.com/lets/Pages/plan.aspx for more information about the plan, upcoming events, and ways you can help shape the future of transit in the County.



Livingston Council for Youth

Livingston Council for Youth and the Livingston County United Way Celebrate Success of New Parent Resource Magazine

Great things are happening here in Livingston County! The Livingston Council for Youth, in partnership with the Livingston County United Way, celebrated in October the second edition and distribution of the Youth Connections Magazine to school parents, youth organizations and the community. Each publication focuses on positive youth development utilizing the 40 Developmental Assets Framework and provides information on hot topics for parents of adolescents and local resources for youth. In addition, each issue highlights local youth doing great things in Livingston County, as well as local businesses and community members doing exceptional things to empower our youth. The online edition of the magazine may be found at www.lcunitedway.org/livingston-council-for-youth.

The Livingston Council for Youth works collaboratively with Livingston County agencies,

organizations and individuals to foster a culture where youth have a sense of belonging and purpose, developing community-level strategies that promote positive change and empower kids to thrive. Co-chairpersons Scott VanEpps and Sam Larioza welcome Council members and guests to attend monthly meetings the third Friday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Livingston County United Way.

Youth Connections Magazine advertisement opportunities are available and help to offset the cost for publication.



Please contact Diane Duncan, Livingston County United Way Coalition Coordinator for information. Email - Livingstoncouncil4youth@gmail.com Phone – 810-494-3000

Stories of Hope

Hartland Senior Activity Center Annual Fall Show Fundraiser

The HSAC is fortunate to have very talented membership with our average age being 74 but we have tap dancers and singers in their 80s! Each October those talents are showcased in our biggest fundraiser of the year; a music, comedy, drama show! Over 100 senior members participate by acting, singing, dancing, building and painting sets, creating costumes, help with marketing, run the ticket booth, the lights and sound equipment. It's all hands on deck when the Fall Show comes around!

In October 2018, we put on "Feelin' Groovy: Sing and Dance your way through the 60s" directed by Alice Andrews, former HSAC Director. Over the course of the three performances, 1,172 community members attended our show and helped us raise over \$14,600 for the senior center through ticket sales, advertising sales, and bake sale purchases. We are so appreciative of the

community support we receive and can't wait to do it again in 2019!

Remember: Growing older is inevitable but age is just a number and you can do anything you put your mind to with a little help from friends.



To learn more about the Hartland Senior Center, contact Kim Konarski at kimkonarski@hartlandschools.us



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Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.

What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org.

Upcoming Events in Livingston

Holiday Meals

- Senior Nutrition will be delivering meals to people's homes. On December 12th, Senior Nutrition will be serving holiday meals at the Hamburg, Hartland, Fowlerville and Gregory Senior Centers. Contact them at 810-632-2155 for more information.
- American Legion will be offering a home cooked meal on Christmas Day. You can have it delivered or join us at the post. Call 517-546-2534 for more information.
- St. Mary Magdalen will be providing a special Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve at 6 pm at the church. Call 810-229-8624 for more information.



Matching Monday Money

Maximize your gift to Livingston County United Way by giving generously December 11th and have your donation matched by sponsors. Donations stay local and are directed to the most critical needs in the community. Call 810-494-3000 or donate online.

Community Connect

February 2nd from 9-2 at Parker Middle School. This county-wide event is open to all! Contact Anne at arennie@cmhliv.org for exhibitor forms.

HSCB Annual Meeting

Please join us for the HSCB Annual Meeting at the Livingston Educational Services Agency (LESA) Dates and times will be coming soon! RSVP to Anne at arennie@cmhliv.org.

OLHSA's Walk for Warmth

February 23rd at 8:30 am at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center at 9525 E. Highland Road. All proceeds go to keeping the heat on in Livingston County Homes over winter. Details on the Walk and sign up are now available through OLHSA website at www.olhsa.org/walk4warmth.



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